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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 March 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 02/26/08
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Proctor, Jr. (US 6,925,070) in view of Gitlin et al. (US006018528A).

Regarding claims 1, 2, 3, Proctor discloses a wireless telecommunication system, wireless terminal and base station, (Figure 1) comprising: a wireless base station (Figure 1, #'s 18, 20); at least one first wireless communication terminal (Figure 1, #. i.e.,14-1) that delivers packets by using one frequency channel (Figure 3, col. 2, lines 35-47, data packets are transmitted to receivers); and at least one second wireless communication terminal (Figure 1, # 14-2, wireless terminal) that delivers packets by using a plurality of frequency channels simultaneously, wherein the frequency channels are formed by a plurality of time slots (Figures 1, 3, col. 2, line 51-54, col. 3, lines 15-26, col. 5, lines 35-45, teach several slots conform to channels; frequency channels, for delivering packets); and transmits non-simultaneously for the plurality of frequency channels (col. 2, lines 35-38, 45-62, the transmission may be executed periodically).

With further regard to claim 2, Proctor discloses an access unit that transmits time slots for indicating the terminals to which the channels are allocated (Figure 3, col.2, lines 35-38; col. 9, lines 1-35).

With further regard to claim 3, Proctor discloses the wireless terminal (Figure 1, 3 14-1-14-2) that can deliver frequency channel formed by time slots sent for allocating slots (Figure 3, #'s 320,330; figure 5, #'s 510,530, col. 2, lines 35-38, 45-62).

What Proctor does not specifically disclose is transmitting non-simultaneously the signal for the plurality of frequency channels for switching the frequency channels from the base station.

Gitlin discloses partitioning overall time frequency spectrum to a plurality of frequency bands to extend a plurality of time slots to categorize users as high speed users and low speed users (Figure 2, #'s 12, 14; Figure 5, #'s 42, 40, 44, 46, 48, 50; col. 3, lines 63-67-col. 4, lines 1-10, 11-39, 46-50; col. 5, lines 61-67-col. 7, lines 1-10; col. 6, lines 45-65).

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to modify Proctor, such that transmitting non-simultaneously the signal for the plurality of frequency channels, to provide control of the allocation of frequency channels transmitted from the base stations to different requirements form terminals.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 3/27/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the combination of Proctor and Gitlin does not disclose preamble signal in time slots indicating which terminals the slots are assigned or allocated to and further argues that neither discloses transmitting non-simultaneously preamble signaling for several channels. However, the examiner respectfully disagrees, Figures 1, 3; col. 2, lines 51-64

and col. 3, lines 15-30, col. 5, lines 35-46, disclose the several slots conforming to channels and deliverance of different packets, which are transmitted simultaneously and transmitting periodically, which reads on transmission no simultaneously. In addition, the examiner recognizes that obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992). The Examiner points out to the teachings of Gitlin for further reference and support of transmitting non-simultaneously the signals, which is known in the art. Thus, one skilled in the art would combine these teachings to arrive at the present invention in order to reduce interference.

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JULIO R. PEREZ whose telephone number is (571)272-7846. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:30 - 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duc M. Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-7503. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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